

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 702

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Bobby Harris for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the accomplishments of those estimable public servants who dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the late Bobby Harris was one such person who evinced the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors and has been recognized as the "Westmoreland Citizen of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sumner County and a lifelong resident of the Westmoreland community, Mr. Harris was born on July 3, 1932, the son of C.W. and Clara Lola Harris, and retired from Eaton Corporation; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure on the City Council that began in 1976 and his two-year term as Vice-Mayor, Bobby Harris distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was an extremely giving person who would often reach out with compassion to people who life had treated unkindly, and he epitomized the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, a praiseworthy veteran, Mr. Harris was an active and valued member of the Westmoreland VFW and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, he served with great probity as the past Director of the Westmoreland Civil Defense and Fire Department; he also was the past President of the United Steel Workers Union Local 5034; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man's meritorious service to the community extended to the youth; he was a Boy Scout leader and an avid supporter of team sports when his children were growing up; his dedication to youth carried over to supporting the park system as a council member; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris selflessly gave to the seniors in the community; he volunteered every afternoon at Royal Care Nursing Home and delivered meals to the elderly for Amazing Grace Ministries; and

WHEREAS, a devoted and active member of the New Hope Church, his life's work was a shining example of his Christian influence; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Bobby Harris was fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Lois Ann Claridy Harris, their four children, Charlie, Steve, Lisa, and Susie, and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and his memory should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Mr. Bobby Harris, dedicated public

servant and Westmoreland Citizen of the Year, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Harris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.